

NEW YORK WEARS \$150,000,000 IN PRECIOUS STONES

Imports for the Year the Biggest in Country's History.

DIAMONDS IN THE LEAD.

Prices Go Higher, but the Quality on the Local Markets Is Inferior.

If the precious stones imported into the United States during the past year were divided evenly among the country's voting population, every man, woman and child would be entitled to a diamond of the size of a pin's head, or some other precious jewel of equal value. Statistics compiled at the Custom House for the first ten months of the fiscal year up to today show the assessed worth of these imports to be more than \$150,000,000, which is eight times greater than during the same period in 1905.

The total cost of stones brought to the country in ten years is more than \$1,000,000,000, an average expenditure of \$10 for each voter. Notwithstanding the quality of diamonds on the markets of London and New York at the present time are far inferior to those of a dozen years ago, the demand has been so great that pure stones are selling from 25 to 35 per cent. higher.

In 1905, when many Brazilian diamonds were brought to the local market, the prices were comparatively low. The customs value for the year was placed at \$1,200,000. The stones, which, at the prevailing scale, now would bring nearly \$1,000,000. The stones were imported in such quantities as to be secured only in small quantities.

African Gems Alone.

The appraisal for the port of New York, an expert in precious stones, declared that traffic in the Brazilian product has almost ceased here, and that African gems are quite alone on the market.

Cut diamonds are assessed at 10 per cent. which is a fair figure for the past quarter century, but those set, requiring a payment of duty of 10 per cent. have caused to be paid on the value of the stones. From 1900 until the present time \$700,000 worth of diamonds in the rough were admitted free of duty, as against less than \$700,000 worth of other stones.

The following table, compiled from 1888, shows the imports in precious stones and in cut diamonds on which duty was paid.

Precious Stones, Diamonds.

1888.....	\$1,447,707	\$1,447,707
1889.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1890.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1891.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1892.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1893.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1894.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1895.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1896.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1897.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1898.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1899.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1900.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1901.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1902.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1903.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1904.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1905.....	2,241,490	2,241,490
1906.....	2,241,490	2,241,490

A Fortune in Stones.

Added to this table the value of diamonds and other stones which were entered free of duty, the total is brought up to \$1,500,000,000. With the addition of the imports for November and December, the two heaviest months in the year, the total will reach a grand total of \$1,600,000,000 or perhaps more.

An idea of the enormity of this sum is afforded by the fact that the United States Customs House in New York, which collects duties on 50 per cent. of the country's imports, has taken in less than \$100,000 for the first ten months of the current year, as against \$1,000,000 before Jan. 1. The value to-day, said Mr. J. Knapp, assistant collector, is \$1,000,000, or from twenty to fifty per cent. higher than the same period ten years ago, with the price gradually increasing.

The local authorities, of course, do not know the value of stones which have entered the other ports of the country, but, judging from their own taxing, they figure that more than \$1,000,000 worth of these precious products have been brought to America within ten years.

Of this vast sum, more than \$100,000,000 worth remains in New York. Pittsburgh is a stone precinct, and the third, Boston fourth, San Francisco fifth, and St. Louis sixth. New Orleans, which is a port of entry, is said to be one of the poorest cities in the country in the matter of stones, while Buffalo, with its population considered, is one of the wealthiest.

Broadway Gets Its Share.

Most of the consignments of precious jewels brought into the local port are claimed by Fifth avenue and Broadway jewelers. Strangely, however, the avenue gets nearly 80 per cent. of the pearls, while Broadway claims 75 per cent. of the diamonds.

Mexico, which draws upon the United States for most of its necessities of life, is our poorest diamond customer, while Cuba is among the best.

The New York Custom House, which appraises on goods which are sent through from Europe to Chicago, finds that more than \$500,000 worth of paste diamonds are sent each year to the Windy City. These are known among the authorities as notional coal lumps, as their lustre is only visible in the bright lights of the night.

The quantity of spurious jewels coming into this port for local use is comparatively small, as the local dealers who handle imitations deal only in the cheap grades, which are manufactured by "fake" houses in Malden lane. It is estimated that the duty on stones brought into New York during the present year will be more than \$1,000,000, or nearly half the entire appropriation for the expenses of the custom house.

A DEFECTIVE BALLOT.

An X in the Circle and One on the Same Column Spoils It.

T. L. sends a query as to whether a ballot with an X in the circle under the star and an X before the name of Hefert is a vote for the head of the ticket, or is it a defective ballot. The ballot is defective. To vote for the head of the ticket only there should be an X before the name of the candidate and no other mark on the ballot.

WHAT'S MONEY?

"The religion of to-day."

More epigrammatic answers will be printed in next Sunday's World.

MADE A MANIAC BY BLOW ON THE HEAD

John Driscoll, of Waterford, Me., Believed to Be a Victim of Thugs.

A well-dressed young man, who is supposed from papers found on him to be John Driscoll, of Waterford, Conn., was taken from the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street Police Station to Bellevue Hospital to-day a raving maniac as the result of a blow received on the head during the night.

About 2 A. M. a citizen walking along Amsterdam avenue found Driscoll at One Hundred and Sixteenth street, lying across the sidewalk and groaning. Roundman Schermerhorn was notified, and he summoned an ambulance from 26th Street Hospital.

Mr. Caspard responded, and took the young man to that institution, where it was found that he had a wound above and behind the right ear, which looked as though it had been caused by a blunt instrument.

After a while he recovered consciousness, and seemed to be better. He was taken to the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station for the purpose of finding out how he came by his injuries. No sooner, however, had he reached the station than he began shouting and struggling in a manner that left no doubt his brain was affected.

An ambulance was summoned again, and this time Dr. McCallahan, of the Hood Wright Hospital, responded. He took Driscoll to Bellevue Hospital. Driscoll is twenty-four years old, well dressed, and evidently a man of refinement. The police believe him to be the victim of thugs, so far they have been unable to find out how he was injured.

There is no more safe, intelligent and profitable investment than diamonds bought at Lamberts', because up to the present time we have not departed from low prices for which we are famous. We shall not advance them until we must, and we have laid in sufficient for this season's holiday trade. As you probably know, diamonds have been rising for several years, and the end is not yet. Never believe that a diamond is an extravagance. It is as good an investment as city real estate.

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Wedding Rings.

If our Seamless Solid Gold Wedding Rings were sold at prices usually asked for rings of their quality, there would still be wisdom in buying them.

But our prices are far below those demanded in other stores in our class, and we guarantee every ring to be free from solder and to be absolutely pure. All widths, sizes, shapes, thicknesses and styles, and no charge for engraving.

14 karat... \$3.30 14 karat... \$4.40 14 karat... \$5.50 14 karat... \$6.60

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Solid gold guard chains, 48 inches long, with and without slides, plain or set with precious stones, from \$7.50 to \$1,500.00.

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Women's \$35 Fur Lined Coats, \$13.50

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Women's \$98 Fur Lined Coats, \$59.

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Men's \$75 Fur Lined Coats, \$35.

Body and sleeves lined throughout with fine quality Russian Sable Lynx, extra large water mink storm collar.

Men's \$80 Fur Lined Coats, \$39.

Body and sleeves lined throughout with brown Russian Sable Lynx, large storm collar and cuffs of plaid Persian Lamb.

Men's \$125 Fur Lined Coats, \$59.

Lined with fine quality Russian Sable Lynx, large storm collar, of black mink, muskrat or plaid Persian Lamb.

Men's \$100 Fur Lined Coats, \$49.

Body and sleeves lined throughout with fine quality Russian Sable Lynx, large storm collar, of black mink, muskrat or plaid Persian Lamb.

Men's \$150 Fur Lined Coats, \$69.

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